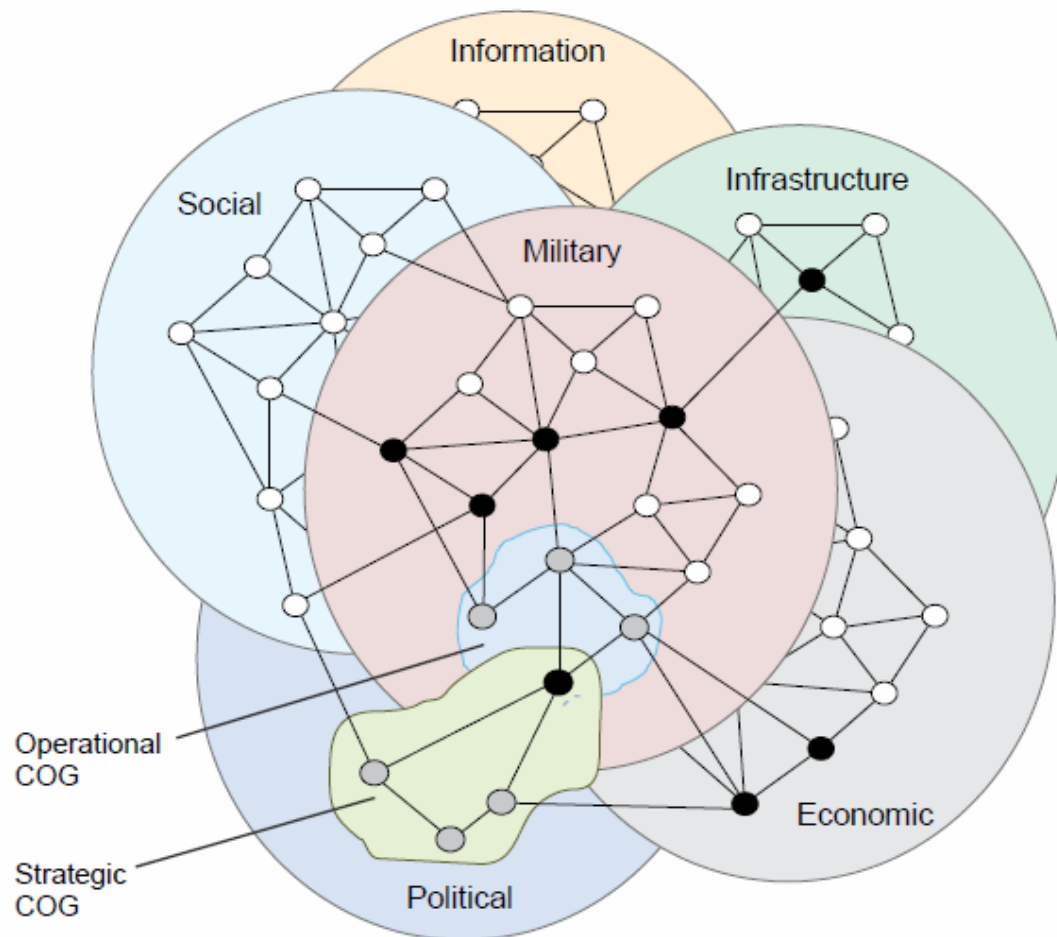


## A Systems Perspective of the Operational Environment



A systems perspective facilitates operational design and joint operation planning by providing the joint force commander (JFC) and staff with a common frame of reference for collaboration with interorganizational and multinational partners to determine and coordinate actions that are beyond the JFC's command authority.

### Legend

COG center of gravity    ● Decisive Point    ● COG Node    ○ Node    — Link

**Figure IV-1. A Systems Perspective of the Operational Environment**